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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOSUE TORRES,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 04-10661

D.C. No. CR-03-20110-RMW

MEMORANDUM<sup>\*</sup>

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of California  
Ronald M. Whyte, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 13, 2006<sup>\*\*</sup>

Before: FERNANDEZ, RYMER, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Josue Torres appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 120-month sentence imposed for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(A)(viii) and 846. We

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<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Torres has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Torres has not filed a pro se supplemental brief.

Because our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penon v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82-83 (1988), indicates that Torres knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to appeal his sentence, we enforce the waiver and dismiss the appeal. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered knowingly and voluntarily); *see also United States v. Cardenas*, 405 F.3d 1046, 1048 (9th Cir. 2005) (noting that the changes in sentencing law imposed by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), did not render waiver of appeal involuntary and unknowing).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and the appeal is **DISMISSED**